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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

TIM CORVI et al.

Application No.: 09/916,642

Filed: July 27, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHODS
FOR MATERIAL CAPTURE AND
REMOVAL

Examiner: WINGOOD, P.

Art Unit: 3761

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-58 and add claims 59-61 as follows:

59. (Added) An atherectomy catheter comprising:
a catheter body comprising a proximal portion and a distal portion;
a cutting window disposed on the distal portion of the catheter body;

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